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For : METHOD OF PRODUCING PLANTS HAVING ENHANCED

TRANSPIRATION EFFICIENCY AND PLANTS PRODUCED

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 29, 2008 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 29, 2008 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 29, 2008 Office Action was due November 29, 2008. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$1,110.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the August 29, 2008 Office Action is now due February 28, 2009. However, since February 28, 2009 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday, March 2, 2009, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this submission is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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